GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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INVOLVEMENT OF CHILDREN IN PROSTITUTION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have conducted any survey regarding the minor children involved in prostitution in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether the sex tourism is increasing menacingly; and

(d) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to save the children from the clutches of sex tourism and imminent dangers of AIDS?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)
(a)&(b) A survey was conducted by the Central Social Welfare Board in 1992 on prostitution in six metropolitan cities viz. Bangalore, Chennai, Delhi, Hyderabad,Kolkata and Mumbai. According to this survey, 29.3% of the approximate 1 lakh prostitutes were below the age of 20 years.
Another survey has recently been commissioned by the Government on this issue.
(c)&(d) There is global concern at the growth of sex tourism. A National Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Women and Children, has been drawn up which inter alia, addresses this issue. A series of measures regarding prevention, enforcement, rescue and rehabilitation are being taken in coordination with all concerned agencies to tackle the problem.